

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An orthosis cuff for the treatment or therapy of Ledderhose's disease or hypermobile foot joints, characterized by a cuff (1) made of stiff material, said cuff surrounding the lower leg proximally of the upper ankle joint, being padded on the inside, adapted to the outer contour of the lower leg, leaving the upper ankle joint uncovered, and resting against the outer side of the lower leg in such a manner that the mobility of the upper ankle joint and the Achilles tendon is not restricted and the tibiofibular syndesmosis is stabilized.

Claim 2 (original): The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that an anterolateral truss pad is arranged on the inside of the cuff (1) in the region of the tibiofibular joint.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that the cuff (1) is produced from

stiff leather or plastic and comprises a stiff functional component (2) surrounding the lower leg on all sides, as well as closing elements (6) overlapping each other and being located on the ends of the functional component (2).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 3, characterized in that the closing elements (6) are belts on ~~the one~~ a first side and corresponding buckles on ~~the other~~ a second side.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 3, characterized in that the closing elements (6) are ribbons made of ~~Velcro~~ hook and loop fastener material on ~~the one~~ a first side and corresponding eye on ~~the other~~ a second side.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that the cuff (1) is a ring (7) open on one side and made of elastic material whose elasticity forces the ring into it its form surrounding the lower leg.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 6, characterized in that the ring (7) ~~consists~~ is made of highly elastic plastic, ~~in particular polycarbonate~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The orthosis cuff according to claim 6, characterized in that the ring (7) ~~consists~~ is made of highly elastic metal, ~~in particular stainless steel~~.

Claim 9 (new): The orthosis cuff according to claim 7 wherein the highly elastic plastic is polycarbonate.

Claim 10 (new): The orthosis cuff according to claim 8 wherein the highly elastic metal is stainless steel.